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Turning, however, from the few pages on definitions to the body of the book we find that the learned author, having classified objections to evidence as general and special, and explained the method of the court in dealing with each, proceeds to a detailed and painstaking examination of the New York authorities to show the exact meaning attached by the court to the common form of objection "incompetent, immaterial and irrelevant" and each and every word thereof, and to the examination of the question as to whether this objection in full or in any modified form is general or special. It is in the careful and intelligent handling of the cases on this and other points that the value of the book lies. He concludes that all objections may be divided into two classes, those that question the logical bearing of the evidence offered and those that assert some objection whether technical or substantial, founded on law rather than logic. Incompetent he shows to be equivalent to inadmissible, and to raise a general objection covering grounds both of law and logic. Immaterial is the equivalent of irrelevant. Either word raises the specific objection of one of logical bearing in the evidence. The words "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial" combine both the general and specific objection. "Never say 'incompetent' for it is useless; never say 'irrelevant and immaterial' for it is repetitious." p. 76.

The concluding sections of the book contain discussions of the functions of a motion to strike out evidence and a motion to direct the jury to disregard evidence, and of a motion to direct a judgment and to set aside the verdict. The sinuosities of the New York law on these highly practical points are followed in a careful *excursus* among the New York cases, which seems to justify at once the soundness of the author's conclusions and the utility of the detailed examination.

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